

The director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) recently requested members of Congress to assist in the annual development of the national drug control strategy. This week I responded with a [letter](#) urging ONDCP to develop a comprehensive and coordinated strategy to permanently dismantle drug trafficking organizations operating on federal lands. In particular, the threat of marijuana cultivation on federal lands and the dangers posed to local communities by the cartels involved should be eliminated as soon as possible. This is a critical issue in our Northern California federal lands. I also requested ONDCP to follow up on a House-passed [resolution](#) I authored last year that called on the federal government to take more aggressive and persistent actions to dismantle these organizations.

I appreciate the collaborative efforts law enforcement has already taken, such as the recent [Operation Full Court Press](#) through which over 100 people were arrested in six Northern California counties. My concern remains, however, that these successes will ultimately be short-lived without a strategy to permanently end trafficking on federal lands. As the ONDCP develops its annual drug control strategy, I sincerely hope that it includes the need for a comprehensive plan to dismantle DTOs operating on public lands, and I will be sure to report back on the director's progress in developing that plan.

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